

AN EXCEPTION.

His Wife Kept a Boarding House and He Thought She Didn't Need Him.

He did not look as if he were composed of the stuff of which heroes are made, but there must have been some of the divine afflatus of courage in his system or he would not have been before the recruiting officer seeking to gain admission into the ranks of those who were offering themselves as a sacrifice upon the altar of their beloved country.

"What is your name?" inquired the officer in charge.

"John Smith."

"Your age, Mr. Smith?"

"Forty-three, next October."

"Where were you born?"

"In Indiana."

"Do you reside here?"

"Yes, sir; have for the last ten years."

"Are you married or single?"

"Married."

"Ah, is that so?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, you can't enlist?"

"Because you are married?"

"What's that got to do with it?"

"Can't take married men into the service."

"Oh, that's all right," he laughed, easily. "You needn't worry on that account; my wife keeps a boarding house, and has ever since the second year we were married."

—Washington Star.

YOUNG AT SIXTY.

Serene comfort and happiness in advanced years are realized by comparatively few women.

Their hard lives, their liability to serious troubles on account of their peculiar organism and their profound ignorance concerning themselves, all combine to shorten the period of usefulness and fill their later years with suffering.

Mrs. Pinkham has done much to make women strong. She has given advice to many that has shown them how to guard against disease and retain vigorous health in old age. From every corner of the earth there is constantly coming the most convincing statements from women, showing the efficacy of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in overcoming female ills. Here is a letter from Mrs. J. C. Orms, of 220 Horner St., Johnstown, Pa., which is earnest and straight to the point:

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STRAINING A FRIENDSHIP.

A Story Which Snapped the Bonds That United Two Sweet Young Things.

They were standing at the counter, and I couldn't help but hear.

"Talk about hard luck," said the girl with the hot chocolate. "I know a woman who had an awful thing happen to her over in New York."

"Oh, do tell me about it," gurgled the girl with the ice cream soda.

"Well," went on the chocolate girl, "she's not wealthy at all, you know, and she doesn't keep a nurse. So, one day, when she had to go down town shopping, she took her baby and left it at one of these day nurseries creche places. They gave her a check for it, and she went off shopping. She didn't come back to the creche till late in the afternoon, and when she went to take out the check it was gone."

"Good gracious!" said the girl with the ice cream soda, looking shocked. "What did she do?"

"Well," went on the chocolate girl, "they told her she couldn't take the baby without a check, and she'd have to wait till the other babies were taken away, and then she could have what was left. So she waited for hours and hours, till all the babies were gone but one, and when she went to get that—well, the only baby left was a colored baby."

"Oh, how perfectly awful!" exclaimed the girl with the ice cream soda, in accents of horror. "What did she do? Wasn't she perfectly frantic? My goodness, how horrible! Didn't she ever get her baby back again? I should think she'd have been perfectly crazy. What did she do?"

"Oh, said the chocolate girl, coolly, "she took the colored baby. It was hers. She was colored, you know."

And in the silence which followed I could hear the snapping of the bonds of a tender and lifelong friendship.—Washington Post.

DIDN'T KNOW LIGHT GREEN

A Bumptious Dominic Who Was a Trifle Off in Distinguishing Colors.

Out of every 50 young men who want to volunteer at the different recruiting stations in the downtown district, it is estimated that at least 15 stipulate that commissions shall be the price of their sacrifice. Some of these would-be officers are eventually convinced that as much glory can be gained in the file as in the rank of the army, but the majority go away insisting that they were constituted for command and could not brook the orders of inferior beings.

Col. Koch was visited by a former school principal, who appeared to have the makings of a desirable recruit. He was tall and broad, and walked with a firm military step. The stranger proved to be a native of the United States and well posted on the constitution of the nation. In accordance with his custom, Col. Koch explained some of the manifold duties of the soldier. The applicant was told that he might be called on any time to tear up a fence, build a fire, clean a horse or carry water. These menial chores did not accord with the professor's preconception of the man of war.

"I am accustomed to command," said the principal. "Why not make me a captain?"

Capt. Koch did not stop to reason with the caller. He signaled to Capt. Jones, who understood the situation, and who presented himself as the medical examiner.

"What's the color of that card in the end of the room?" the captain demanded.

"That's pale blue," replied the stranger.

"No, it isn't. It's light green. I'm afraid you're color blind. In spite of your many qualifications to command, we could not depend upon you to distinguish a Spanish mortar battery from a sequepidalian. We're sorry, but can't use you under any circumstances."—Chicago Chronicle.

It isn't every playwright who can write a play right.—L. A. W. Bulletin.

What Will Become of China?

None can foresee the outcome of the quarrel between foreign powers over the division of China. It is interesting to watch the going to pieces of this ancient but unprogressive race. Many people in America are also going to pieces because of dyspepsia, constipation, blood, liver and stomach diseases. We are living too fast, but strength, vigor and good health can be retained if we keep off and cure the above diseases with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

Good Color Scheme.

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Left It.

Phillips—What's the matter with that fellow from Colorado—ain't he all right? Quipper—I don't know. Somebody said he left Pike's peak under a cloud.—Town Topics.

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Impossible to Doubt.

Upgradation—There has been so many reports of those Cuban cables being cut when they haven't been cut at all that I don't take any more stock in stories of that kind.

Atom—Yes, but it's true this time. The news about the last cable that was cut came over the cable itself.—Chicago Tribune.

American Skill.

Many physicians in Germany and England, as well as in the United States and Canada, are referring their Hay-Fever and Asthma patients to Dr. P. Harold Hayes, of Buffalo, N. Y., whose success in curing these diseases has attracted their attention.

Unfailing.

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Every time a man looks in a mirror he imagines he can see a hero.—Chicago Daily News.

For What Cuba Is Noted.

"Cuba," said an urchin at the foot of the class, "is that place what used to be surrounded by water, and now is surrounded by warships. It is noted for its tobacco and war bulletins."—Adams (Mass.) Freeman.

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